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DOVER, DE – Arlene Belfield, 51, of Lincoln DE, was arrested on Thursday, June 13th, 2019 by Capital Police, following an investigation by the Delaware Department of Insurance Fraud Prevention Bureau.

The charges allege that in November, 2017, Arlene Belfield, pretending to be her terminally ill mother, contacted AAA Insurance by phone to obtain a \$50,000 Life Insurance policy with the intent to defraud. To facilitate this fraud, the charges allege that Arlene Belfield used her mother's personal identifying information without her consent. Arlene Belfield attempted to collect on the policy two days after her mother's death, with the sole beneficiary of the policy being Arlene Belfield. Upon review, AAA Insurance suspected that an imposter submitted the application. It is further alleged that Arlene Belfield knew that her mother's death was imminent when she submitted the application to the insurance company. Belfield was charged with insurance fraud, identity theft, forgery 2<sup>nd</sup> degree and crime against a vulnerable adult. She was arraigned in Superior Court and released on her own recognizance.

If you know of insurance fraud taking place, report it to the Delaware Department of Insurance at 302-674-7350, or email [fraud@delaware.gov](mailto:fraud@delaware.gov).

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